

Rae is exactly the sort of young person we need to attract to public service. This is not going to be easy as we compete with the best law and business schools for talented young Americans who can earn much more than taking the Queen's shilling. We must try, however, for if we do not, we risk losing a new generation of bright ideas and insights. This would be not only tragic but shortsighted.

I wish this young lady from Texas godspeed in her studies and thank her again for her contributions.●

TRIBUTE TO DOCTOR EUGENE OLIVERI

● Mr. ABRAHAM. Mr. President, I rise today to honor the newly elected President of the American Osteopathic Association, Dr. Eugene Oliveri.

Dr. Oliveri is a prominent leader in the practice of osteopathic medicine. Throughout his career, he has maintained the strongest of commitments to the highest level of medical standards. From his early days as an undergraduate at Brooklyn College in New York, Dr. Oliveri has distinguished himself for his extensive knowledge and tireless support of osteopathy. Dedicated to helping others, Dr. Oliveri took two years off from his personal studies to work in the U.S. Army Medical Corps. Perhaps most importantly, Dr. Oliveri has raised three wonderful children: Gregory, Lisa, and Michelle.

Dr. Oliveri serves on numerous professional boards, and is currently practicing at Botsford General Hospital in Farmington Hills, Michigan, as the senior member of the Department of Internal Medicine. He also serves as a director of a fellowship program and chairman of a section of Gastroenterology at Botsford Hospital. Most recently, he has also served as a Vice-Chairman for the American Osteopathic Association. Dr. Oliveri's experience and renowned leadership capabilities make him well suited for this exciting new challenge.

Mr. President, it gives me great pleasure to congratulate Dr. Oliveri on this tremendous honor. I am confident that the American Osteopathic Association will be well served during his tenure as President.●

TRIBUTE TO JOHN McLAUGHLIN

● Mr. SMITH of New Hampshire. Mr. President, I rise today to honor John McLaughlin, Chairman of McLaughlin Transportation Systems, Inc. for being named the 1999 Greater Nashua Chamber of Commerce Citizen of the Year.

The Citizen of the Year Award is an effort to recognize a local individual for their contributions to the betterment of life in the Greater Nashua Area. The award recipient has sustained a lifelong commitment to the best interests of Nashua and the state of New Hampshire. John has definitely exceeded these requirements.

A longtime resident of Nashua, New Hampshire, John started with his fa-

ther's business as a teenager sweeping floors. After graduating from high school and serving in the armed forces, he went to work for the company upon his father's death in 1949. From the company's initial size of 3-4 trucks and a hand full of employees, McLaughlin Transportation has grown into a company that includes approximately 120 trucks, five facilities, and approximately 150 employees. The company's core focus is the moving and storing business, however, they have now expanded to include a limousine service and fuel-oil delivery business.

Although he has been extremely successful in business, John is equally recognized for his community stewardship. He has been involved with the Nashua Chamber for over 50 years, served for two decades as the Nashua fire commissioner and served four terms as the District 13 State Senator. In addition, he has held many leadership positions within the community, including the Nashua Parks and Recreation Commission, Rivier College Advisory Board, N.H. Council on Aging, and many more.

As a former small business owner, I admire John for his hard work, determination and dedication to the community. He is a role model for us all and I commend him for his efforts. It is an honor to represent him in the United States Senate.●

A TRIBUTE TO FRED GYLFE, LEGION OF HONOR AWARD RECIPIENT

● Ms. SNOWE. Mr. President, I rise today to pay tribute a veteran from Maine who this week will have bestowed upon him high honors from the French Government for the sacrifices he made during World War I.

Fred Gylfe will receive the most prestigious honor that France bestows, the award of the National Order of the Legion of Honor, in gratitude for the valor he displayed serving in France during the First World War.

Last year, the French Government announced Project 1918-1998, which honors the 80th anniversary of the armistice of World War I. As part of this undertaking, France is awarding the Legion of Honor Award to surviving American veterans who served in France between 1914 and 1918—in recognition for the crucial support American veterans lent to French soldiers fighting to defend French soil.

It is estimated that as many as 1,000 American veterans who served in France during World War I may still be living, and there is a search underway to locate as many of these men and women as possible.

Fred Gylfe was born in Worcester, Massachusetts on August 14, 1897. His parents emigrated from Sweden, and he was their first child born in the U.S. He entered the U.S. National Guard in 1916 and departed for France on May 16, 1918. He fought in Ypres/Lys and Saint Quentin Tunnel in the French province

of Somme. He was a Sergeant in Headquarters Company for the 108th Infantry 27th division of the New York National Guard. He is the father of two children, and three grandchildren.

I have nothing but the utmost respect for those who have served with courage, honor and distinction, answering the call to duty when their country—and the world no less—needed them so desperately. Indeed, it is no small challenge to put into words the enormous pride I feel for the opportunity to represent men like Fred Gylfe as Maine's senior Senator.

On November 11, 1918, almost 81 years ago, at the eleventh hour, the Armistice was signed in France that silenced the guns and ended the carnage of World War I. From the War for Independence, to World War I, through the Persian Gulf War and the Balkans more than two hundred years later, Americans have answered the call to duty—not for the glory of conquest or empire, but to ensure that the flame of liberty burns ever brightly.

The debt of gratitude owed to our veterans can never be fully repaid. What we can and must do for the men and women who, like Mr. Gylfe, answered the call to duty is keep alive the values of freedom and democracy they have defended, and honor them as the guardians of those ideals.

This occasion reminds us that winning freedom is not the same as keeping it. The cost of safeguarding freedom is high. It requires vigilance and sacrifice. Time and gain when freedom has been threatened, men like Fred Gylfe emerged as heroes, America's veterans have served our country and the world ably in times of need, and know well the personal sacrifices which the defense of freedom demands. It is a true honor to congratulate this Maine hero today on such as well-deserved recognition.●

EXECUTIVE SESSION

NOMINATION OF ROBERT A. KATZMANN, OF NEW YORK

Mr. ENZI. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate immediately proceed to executive session to consider Executive Calendar No. 160 on today's Executive Calendar. I further ask unanimous consent that the nomination be confirmed, the motion to reconsider be laid upon the table, any statements relating to the nomination be printed in the RECORD, the President be immediately notified of the Senate's action, and the Senate then return to legislative session.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The nomination was considered and confirmed, as follows:

DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Robert A. Katzmann, of New York, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Second Circuit.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Vermont.